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NEWS SUMMARY
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THURSDAY'S NETWORKS, WIRES

THE MAJOR STORIES:

==ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK DEMANDS THAT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ APOLOGIZE IMMEDIATELY TO POPE PAUL VI, OR RESIGN.

==BUTZ, AT A BREAKFAST WITH WASHINGTON NEWSMEN WEDNESDAY MORNING, WITH A JOKE DISMISSED POPE PAUL'S CRITICISM DURING THE ROME FOOD CONFERENCE OF WEALTHY NATIONS TELLING POOR NATIONS TO CONTROL THEIR POPULATION TO REDUCE HUNGER. THE TAG LINE OF THE JOKE WAS, "HE NO PLAYA THE GAME; HE NO MAKEA THE RULES." THEN BUTZ TOLD THE NEWSMEN HIS REMARK WAS "OFF THE RECORD." THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS PRINTED IT ANYWAY."

==MONSIGNOR EUGENE V. CLARK, A SPOKESMAN FOR CARDINAL TERRENCE COOK, HEAD OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK, SENT PRESIDENT FORD A TELEGRAM DEMANDING THE APOLOGY OR BUTZ'S RESIGNATION. REP. MARIO BIAGGI (D., N.Y.) ALSO SENT A TELEGRAM DEMANDING THAT BUTZ BE FIRED FOR HIS "ANTI-CATHOLIC, ANTI-ITALIAN" REMARKS.

==A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT UNTIL HE COULD TALK TO SECRETARY BUTZ AND FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT HAD BEEN SAID.

==THE RUSSIANS SAID THE SOVIET POLITBURO AND OTHER BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT HAVE APPROVED THE RESULTS OF THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN VLADIVOSTOK.

==THE SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT IS GETTING EXTREMELY FAVORABLE AND WIDESPREAD ATTENTION IN THE SOVIET PRESS, JOHN CHANCELLOR, NBC, REPORTED.

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==SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER COMPLETED HIS TALKS IN PEKING WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS. AP AND ABC SAID HE LEFT "WITHOUT REGISTERING A MAJOR BREADTHROUGH TO IMPROVE RELATIONS.

=-BOTH AP AND ABC SAID SECRETARY KISSINGER LEFT WITH-OUT SEEING CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG. AP SAID "THE ABSENCE OF A CALL FROM MAO CASTS A SHADOW ON KISSINGER'S FIVE-DAY VISIT. ALTHOUGH THE 81-YEAR-OLD COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN MAY SIMPLY NOT BE UP TO RECEIVING ANYONE." AP AND ABC SAID MAO HAD RECEIVED EIGHT OTHER FOREIGN VISITORS, HOWEVER, IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS.

ABC

ABC GAVE A SHORT REPORT THAT THE LATEST GALLUP POLL SHOWED THE POPULARITY OF PRESIDENT FORD DECLINED TO 47 PER CENT, WITH HIS HANDLING OF THE ECONOMY THE MAJOR REASON FOR HIS LOW RATING.

HENRY TREWHITT, BALTIMORE SUN, PEKING: CHINESE OFFICIALS CLEARLY WOULD LIKE TO ADD MORE SUBSTANCE TO RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF IMPROVING U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, BUT THERE IS NO SIGN THAT LONG-STANDING BARRIERS HAVE BEEN LOWERED. IT WAS THE CHINESE, MORE THAN THE AMERICANS, WHO WERE URGING MORE SINO-AMERICAN TIES ON THE PERIPHERY OF THE CURRENT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN HENRY A. KISSINGER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND CHINESE LEADERS. FOR HIS PART, MR. KISSINGER HAS HELD STEADILY THAT NO DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS ARE TO BE EXPECTED SOON.

ARNOLD R. ISAACS, BALTIMORE SUN, CALCUTTA: THE FAMINE THAT HAS SWEPT OVER LARGE AREAS OF INDIA AND BANGLADESH SINCE SEPTEMBER ALREADY HAS CAUSED HORRORS ENOUGH, BUT STILL WORSE NIGHTMARES MAY LIE IN THE FUTURE. EXPERTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES FEAR THAT MASS STARVATION MAY RECUR EVEN IF WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROPS ARE NORMAL. FLOODS AND DROUGHT CONTRI-BUTED TO THIS YEAR'S CRISIS, BUT INFLATION AND POPULATION GROWTH WERE ALSO MAJOR FACTORS, AND THERE IS LITTLE SHORT-TERM PROSPECT OF EITHER BEING BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL.

RICHARD O'MARA, BALTIMORE SUN, RIO DE JANEIRO: GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET, LEADER OF THE RULING JUNTA IN CHILE, EXPELLED RENAN RUENTEALBA NOENA, FORMER CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY PRESIDENT, FROM CHILE TUESDAY BECAUSE OF AN INTERVIEW HE GAVE AGENCE FRANCE PRESS.

BERNARD GWERTZMAN, NEW YORK TIMES, WASHINGTON: CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT FORD'S TENTATIVE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEGUN TO DEVELOP HERE, AND SOME OFFICIALS

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PREDICT THAT THE ACCORD MAY PROVOKE A FIGHT IN CONGRESS.

EDITORIALS

BALTIMORE SUN, "THE PRESIDENT'S WORLD ROLE." PRESIDENT FORD'S JOURNEY TO THE FAR EAST HAS BEEN FULLY JUSTIFIED BY THE BREAKTHROUGH TOWARD A SALT II AGREEMENT HE NEGOTIATED WITH SOVIET PARTY CHIEF BREZHNEV. BUT EVEN IF THE TENTATIVE ARMS CONTROL ACCORD HAD NOT COME, EVEN IF THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT HAD MERELY BEEN A SIZING-UP OPERATION, WE BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP WAS NECESSARY. THIS NEEDS TO BE SAID BECAUSE MR. FORD HAS BEEN CRITICIZED IN SO MANY QUARTERS FOR TRAVELLING OVERSEAS WHILE THE COUNTRY WAS IN DIRE ECONOMIC STRAITS AND THE CLOCK WAS RUNNING ON THE LAME DUCK SESSION OF CONGRESS. THIS CRITICISM LACKS VALIDITY IN OUR VIEW ON THREE COUNTS.

MIDWEST PAPERS

CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, "THE AGREEMENTS AT VLADIVOSTOK." IF THE FORD-BREZHNEV AGREEMENTS ARE TO RECEIVE THE OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT THEY DESERVE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR FORD, KISSINGER AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS TO BE ALTOGETHER CANDID AND FORTHCOMING ABOUT ALL THE AGREEMENTS THAT WERE MADE IN VLADIVOSTOK.

DETROIT FREE PRESS, "COOLING OFF THE MIDDLE EAST." THE FORD-BREZHNEV STATEMENT CALLS FOR RESUMING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST. THAT IS WHERE HENRY KISSINGER'S CONSUMMATE NEGOTIATION SKILLS CAN BE NOT ONLY USEFUL BUT VITAL. THE TIME IS FAST-ARRIVING FOR LESS OF THE SORT OF TABLE-THUMPING THAT HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE IN THE U.N. AND MORE OF KISSINGER'S KIND OF ARBITRATING SKILL.

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